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Subject: Request for Cooperating Agency Status in the Preparation of the Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Project) Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report

Dear Ms. Cervantes:

The Bureau of Reclamation has reviewed the June 23, 2010, Federal Register Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR) for a permit application for the proposed Project at the Salton Sea (Sea), in Riverside and Imperial Counties, California.

Reclamation's interest in the Sea originates from: Congressional direction to our Agency to conduct studies on the Sea, return flows from irrigation water supplied by the Colorado River provide a water source to the Sea, and Reclamation has fee title to approximately 90,000 acres of land under and adjacent to the Sea. We are supportive of the proposed Project and have coordinated with the California Natural Resources Agency on development of the proposal. Because of these interests, Reclamation requests cooperating agency status as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the California Natural Resources Agency prepare the DEIS/DEIR.

Our point of contact for the DEIS/DEIR is Ms. Faye Streier, Natural Resource Specialist, Environmental Compliance Group, and she can be reached at [fstreier@usbr.gov](mailto:fstreier@usbr.gov) or 702-293-8132. We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to working with you and cooperating on the Project.

Sincerely,

*Brian Y. Farmer* **ACTING FOR**

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